(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps that are being taken by Government to solve this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) The Delhi Jal Board (DJB) has informed that at present, demand of water for Delhi is about 900 million gallons per day (mgd). As against that, the total installed capacity for water treatment is of 650 mgd. However, by optimizatipn of its plants, DJB is producing 675 mgd of potable water. Thus, there is a shorfall of 225 mgd.

(c) The DJB has taken up the following steps to bridge the gap between demand and supply of water in Delhi:—

(i) A 140 mgd Water Treatment Plant (WTP) has been set up in Trans Yamuna Area at Sonia Vihar. Based on the raw water drawn from the storage of the Tehri Dam in Uttaranchal, the trial run of the plant has commenced;

(ii) A 40 mgd WTP has been set up at Nangloi. This plant is functioning at half of its capacity owing to raw water constraints. DJB is, therefore, pursuing with Government of Haryana to increase the supply of raw water for this plant;

(iii) Construction of parallel lined channel from Munak to Hyderpur WTP has been taken up to reduce water losses due to seepage. This will augment water supply for Hyderpur WTP; and

(iv) DJB has also taken up the works of recycling plants to treat backwash water and clarifloculator waste at Bhagirath (10 mgd capacity), Wazirabad (11 mgd capacity) and Hyderpur (16 mgd capacity) plants.

Funds allocated for the maintenance of National Highways in Himachal Pradesh

*260. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a)-the amount sanctioned for repair and maintenance of National Highways in Himachal Pradesh during the last four years;

(b) whether annual allocation for repair and maintenance of National Highways in the State has constantly been decreasing;

(c) if so, whether Government are aware that in the absence of maintenance and repair, most of the National Highways in Himachal Pradesh are in a bad condition; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The amount sanctioned for repair and maintenance of National Highways in the State of Himachal Pradesh during the last four years is given below:—

Year	Sanctioned Amount (Rs. in crore)
2002-2003	14.03
2003-2004	14.15
2004-2005	18.73
2005-2006	24.10

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Safety of nuclear materials

1639. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to encourage private participation, including from abroad, in the country's ambitious nuclear power programme, to generate 20,000 mw of power by 2020;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the safeguards that are proposed to be worked out to secure safety to nuclear materials in private hands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) The Atomic Energy Act, 1962 presently allows setting up of nuclear power stations only by Government